



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Initial Claims Statistics July 2006

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 5,647 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in July 2006, a decrease of 547 (-8.8%) from the 6,194 initial claims filed in July 2005.

Employees with an attachment to the Manufacturing (1,007) sector filed the greatest number of claims this month, representing eighteen percent of the initial claims filed in July. Layoffs in this sector are attributed to vacation shut-downs that are typical for the Rhode Island Manufacturing sector during the first two weeks of July. These numbers represent a decrease of 156 claims from the 1,163 claims filed in July of 2005 in this sector. There were also 457 initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Construction sector and 416 initial claims filed by workers associated with the Health Care & Social Assistance sector.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Production (1,026), Office & Administrative Support (794) and the Transportation & Material Moving (555) occupations filed the largest number of initial claims accounting for forty-two percent of the monthly total. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to Management (455), Food Preparation & Serving Related (375) and Construction & Extraction (335) occupations.

Initial Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	Claims	Percent
Industry	5,647	100%
Agriculture/Forestry	2	0.0%
Mining	3	0.1%
Utilities	1	0.0%
Construction	457	8.1%
Manufacturing	1,007	17.8%
Wholesale Trade	139	2.5%
Retail Trade	323	5.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	308	5.5%
Information	140	2.5%
Finance & Insurance	204	3.6%
Real Estate	84	1.5%
Professional & Tech. Services	159	2.8%
Management of Companies	3	0.1%
Administrative & Waste Services	356	6.3%
Educational Services	205	3.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	416	7.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	43	0.8%
Accommodation & Food Services	378	6.7%
Other Services	140	2.5%
Public Administration	41	0.7%
Information Not Available	1,238	21.9%

Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Occupation	5,647	100%
Management	455	8.1%
Business & Financial Operations	140	2.5%
Computer & Mathematical	70	1.2%
Architecture & Engineering	54	1.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	18	0.3%
Community & Social Services	51	0.9%
Legal	19	0.3%
Education, Training & Library	216	3.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	97	1.7%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	96	1.7%
Healthcare Support	138	2.4%
Protective Service	51	0.9%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	375	6.6%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	91	1.6%
Personal Care & Service	80	1.4%
Sales & Related	300	5.3%
Office & Administrative Support	794	14.1%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	10	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	335	5.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	157	2.8%
Production	1,026	18.2%
Transportation & Material Moving	555	9.8%
Military Specific	28	0.5%
Information Not Available	491	8.7%

Women filed fifty-two percent of the July claims whereas men filed forty-eight percent. School Bus Drivers, Assemblers and Fabricators, and General Office Clerks are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed women. Production Worker Helpers, Carpenters, and Construction Laborers are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed men.

Forty-three percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Thirty percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with eight percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Fifteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.

Initial Claims by Educational Attainment

